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From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Mon 10/30/2017 9:59:34 PM
Subject: RE: media inquiry follow up

Thank you, looks good to me. No knuckles!

From: Moler, Robert
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
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Rich – FYI,

Susan reached out to me with a follow up question RE WSS. Since this was an extension to a previously vetted inquiry and response, so we just provided a quick response. I believe she will have a story tomorrow or the next day. Our talking points in a nut shell. Feel free to swat my knuckles with a pencil if I stepped out of line, or if you have questions/concerns.

- [REDACTED] EPA is reviewing existing data, including data obtained from initial sampling (80s & 90s) of the area to characterize the contamination, and is scheduled to begin further remedial investigations into West Side Soils Operable Unit June 2018.
- [REDACTED] Nikia Greene, EPA RPM in Helena is being considered as the EPA project manager for the West Side Soils Operable Unit (WSS). *Nikia will likely be quoted that he volunteered for the job.*
- [REDACTED] No final decision about an RPM for WSS has been made at this time but an RPM will be identified before the further Remedial Investigations begin for WSS.

Past TP delivered to Susan:

- Nikia Greene, EPA RPM in Helena is being considered as the EPA project manager for the West Side Soils Operable Unit (WSS). An RPM for WSS will be established before the Remedial Investigation (RI) begins.
- The area of WSS has been sampled in the past as part of the initial effort to characterize

environmental contamination as a result of historic mining activities. Initial data did not indicate any immediate human health concerns in this area.

- EPA chose to prioritize areas (“priority soils”) to implement a remedy in light of data that indicated areas where the greatest potential threats to human health existed.
- EPA is in the process of compiling and reviewing existing data and is scheduled to begin further RI into WSS OU June 2018.
- A draft RI workplan will be finalized prior to the RI and will likely cover soil, groundwater, and surface water sampling.
- EPA will work with local agencies and the community for access agreements to get the sampling finished as soon as possible.
- The RI timeline can change depending on what is found on site in the initial data collection efforts. For example, further sampling may be required in some areas if significant contamination is found.
- Superfund site boundaries are based on the presence of contamination and the RI will identify the nature and extent of contamination that may be on site and will shape the WSS boundaries.
- Expanding RMAP, including into the WSS operable unit, is an option EPA and Superfund stakeholders are currently evaluating.

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